

The Weather:
Ask Artillerymen about
the night air . . .

THE DIXIE

Dixiedoodle Says:
Let the arms greeting the
Yanks be open ones . . .

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Maj. Gen. Persons Inspects Selectees

**Finds Eagerness To
Learn Duties In Added Men**

Major-General John C. Persons, on his tour of inspection, Tuesday, found Selectees assigned to Infantry regiments to be sturdy young Americans who are eager to master the complexities of close-order drill and are proud to be a part of the army.

Men fresh from fields, grocery stores and college fraternity houses, some arrivals of but the night before, with eyes glued on instructors checked themselves closely to see that when right shoulder arms was given their gun was on the proper shoulder. In the American way they expressed willingness to adjust themselves to a new job.

But they were finding that coordination between mind and body comes only with practice. One group was being taught the rudiments of calisthenics. The instructor gave the command, "Odd numbers to the left, uncover." Odd numbers promptly jumped to the left and threw their caps to the ground. Patiently the instructor explained the distinction between removing apparel and "uncovering."

Without timidity and intelligently the new soldiers answered General Persons' questions. They were being fed well. A Duke graduate in science wished, if possible to be placed where his knowledge could be utilized. The General took his name. It was an Alabama farmer's first trip to Florida but he thought he was going to like it—and the Army.

CAUTIONS SECRETS MUST BE KEPT

An order, issued by Major General John C. Persons directs all military personnel to safeguard classified and other confidential military information. The order further stated that all officers are "cautioned that documents, publications, and other military information marked 'secret,' 'confidential' or 'restricted' will be entrusted only to those who need it in the performance of their official duties, and that proper steps will be taken in all headquarters to insure the proper safekeeping of such matters."

The order concluded that inspection by the responsible officer would be made before close of business each day to ascertain that such information in each office had been properly put away.

Training To Continue Through June

DIXIE DIVISION'S POLICEMEN



Coppers galore! How would you like to have this bunch of hefties on your neck all at one time? Seems like that's what the photographer had. Really a swell looking outfit don't you think? That's the 31st Military Police Company. Most of them are from Mobile, Alabama, some have been transferred from other units here.

124th Infantry Makes Outstanding Record In Test

**Blanding Soldiers I. Q.
High Above Average**

The first factual results from the Army Intelligence Tests recently given to all enlisted personnel of the 31st Division come from a Florida regiment, the 124th Infantry, commanded by Colonel Fred A. Safay of Jacksonville. A tabulation of the grades made show that 80 percent of the 1,185 men of the 124th Infantry who have taken the "I. Q.'s" are either "average" or "superior" in mental capabilities.

The figures show the Florida soldiers to be well above the national average in intelligence, because the general average from all over the country reveals that usually 69 percent, not 80 percent as in the Florida regiment, of the enlisted men tested are of average or superior intelligence.

Army Intelligence Test results are divided into five classes or groups: "very superior" (group I), "superior" (group II), "average" (group III), "inferior" (group IV), and "very inferior" (group V). In the 124th there

were 73 men who graded "very superior," while 449 made "superior" grades, and 425 were "average." Of the 20 percent making below "average" on the "I. Q.", 182 were "inferior" and 56 were "very inferior."

The following table shows the national average in each of the five groups according to figures released recently by the War Department, and also the grades (by percentage) made in the 124th. Note that in the fourth and fifth "inferior" groups the 124th percentage is much less than the national average:

Group	Nat. Ave.	124th
I	7 p. c.	6 p. c.
II	38 p. c.	38 p. c.
III	38 p. c.	36 p. c.
IV	24 p. c.	15 p. c.
V	7 p. c.	5 p. c.

It has been stated that there will be a bus system installed in Camp Blanding similar to that of any other city of the size and population of it.

Officer's Club-House Being Erected, 124th

An officers' club building is under construction for the officers of the 124th Infantry. The work is being done by enlisted men, and the building, one story in height, is of frame construction and measures approximately 15 feet wide by 24 feet long. The building is located about 20 yards south of the Officers' Mess Hall in the 124th Area.

IT'S WORTH FOUR BITS SOLDIER; CUT IT OUT

If you bring this copy of the Dixie, or the clipping therefrom of this story, you can get ring-side seats for a quarter at the Starke Athletic Arena's opening night of wrestling on March 14th at 8:30 p. m.

Soldiers of the 31st Division are especially invited to attend the first of the wrestling and boxing cards sponsored by Post No. 56 of the American Legion of Starke. C. W. Stone is the manager and George Romanoff, retired undefeated middleweight wrestler, the matchmaker.

Weekly matches will be staged, with boxing each Monday and wrestling each Friday.

Infantrymen Will Be Able To March 60 Miles In 72 Hrs.

Beginning March 31 and extending through June 28, the Dixie Division will undergo a "combined" training period, embracing three sub-divided phases: Regimental phase, Brigade Phase and Division phase. The objective of this program is to prepare the Division to take the field by June 30, 1941, at existing strength ready to function effectively in combat.

It is contemplated that the 13 weeks intensive training period the 31st Division entered into early this year will be completed on or about March 29. Principal subjects in this program which have not been completed are marksmanship and combat firing. This will be completed as soon as range facilities permit. The period of time from March 16 to March 30 will be used to complete such other subjects prescribed in the program as could not be finished during the regular allotted period.

The development of trained combat units, leadership and mobility will be stressed. Infantry elements will be able, by June 30, to complete a 60 mile march in 72 hours and to be in condition, at the end of the 72 hours, to continue the move by normal daily marches. The training of Field Artillery will be continued as necessary. Motorized units of the division will be able by June 30, to march at the rate of 200 miles per day, conducting the necessary maintenance operations to permit the march to continue for extended periods. Units will be capable of absorbing, with little or no loss in combat efficiency, sufficient filler replacements to bring them to war strength.

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"SPRUCE UP" SOLDIER, OR IT'S THUMBS DOWN

From now on, soldier, before you present yourself to your "top" to get a pass from camp, you'd better be sure that your clothes are clean and pressed, you've had a shave, and that your shoes are shined. Because if you don't do these things, you'll be in camp when your more orderly buddy is having a good time in town.

According to an order issued by Major Gen. Persons, no man in the future will be permitted to depart from camp until he has been personally inspected by an officer from his organization. This step, the order said, is being taken because of reports received at Divisional Headquarters that enlisted men are leaving camp in uniforms and equipment which are not a credit to the Service.

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NOT WHAT WE WERE

Last week's story of the variegated professions represented by the Dixie Division's selectees merits more than smiles.

It seems to us that there are two facts to remember after the realization that the Dixie Division includes every kind of wage earner from bankers to relief laborers. The first—and in the long run the most important—is that under a democratic system all honest work has dignity in the United States. The second—and for the time being this is paramount—is that from now until the end of his service, a man will be measured by his ability as a soldier and not by his civilian record.

In this latter connection we would like to remind the selectees that some of them will serve with and under soldiers and officers who were not as highly placed in civil life as themselves. This makes no difference. The gauge in the army is a man's proficiency in this business of soldiering itself. What transpired before can be all but forgotten.

And for the majority of men who are newly soldiers in the Army of the United States, and who have not yet found a gainful or satisfying place in the scheme of things, we have this reminder. Whatever your success or lack of it, you cannot fail to profit by this year of training. When you end your period of service, and if you have tried to get the most out of it, you cannot fail to be more valuable in whatever enterprise you enter or return to.

In the meantime, let's forget what we were and try to be the best of what we are—soldiers of a nation that will prove to the world that our way is the most worthy of defending.

THEATRE MEMO

FRIDAY, March 7—"THE QUARTERBACK," featuring Wayne Morris, Virginia Dale.
SATURDAY, March 8—Double Features—"YES-TERDAY'S HEROES," starring Jean Rogers and Robert Sterling; and "PRARIE LAW," starring George O'Brien.
SUNDAY & MONDAY, March 9 & 10—"BRIGHAM YOUNG FRONTIERSMAN," featuring Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell.
TUESDAY, March 11—"THREE FACES WEST," starring John Wayne and Sigrid Guire. Also The March of Time presents Labor and Defense.
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, March 12 & 13—"ARISE MY LOVE," with Claudette Colbert and Ray Milland.
FRIDAY, March 14—"THE GIRL FROM GOD'S COUNTRY," with Chester Morris, Jane Wyatt and Charles Bickford.



Inspiration for the cartoon work is the "DOODLE," new hat to be adopted by the Army for summer wear. Bids submitted to the Philadelphia Q M Depot last week called for the manufacture of 1,950,000 of them. They will be pushing Army curls down by May.

Known to the trade as the "DOODLE," the lid has a soft crown, a narrow band a hole for ventilation and a flexible brim. It is soft and can be twisted into any shape.

Price Of Rice; Plot Per Person, Figured In This Soldier's Present

Joined Army When He Couldn't Have His Way

Perhaps the oddest reason for getting in the Army is credited to Selectee Daniel Connors, a former Lake Charles, La., rice farmer, now hailing from Co. A., 156th Infantry.

"It all happened because of 25 acres of land and a quick temper," he explained to his buddies in Corp. Milton Crochet's tent. "You see, I've been rice farming for a number of years and up until about two weeks ago, I thought I'd be rice farming right now. I'd registered for the draft and my number was one of the last drawn . . . so I wouldn't have been called for about a year yet."

"Well, I was getting ready to plant my usual 100 acres of rice, when I decided I'd better go down and get my allotment from the boss man in the courthouse at home just to be sure. You know

what he told me when I got there? Well, he said all I could have was 75 acres this year. That made me so dang-busted mad, I went right down and volunteered. And here I am."

BLANDING BREVITIES

A dance will be given at the American Legion Home, Gainesville, Florida, Saturday, March 8, from 9:00 to ?, for the benefit of the Army Relief Society. Soldiers are cordially invited. Admission will be 50c per person.

A Church Social for enlisted men, every Sunday afternoon from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Snyder Memorial Methodist Church, Laura and Monroe Sts., Jacksonville, extends a cordial invitation to enlisted men to enjoy a social hour in the parlors of the Church. Refreshments will be served.

WIFE SHE HAS BABY; CORP. HE HAS MEASLES

Corporal Arthur D. Pettigrew, of Battery A, 116th Field Artillery, was in the station hospital quarantined with measles when he learned his wife, in Tampa, had made him a father. The baby a girl and their first child, was born Monday, March 3. "If I had known the event was going to happen so soon," Corporal Pettigrew lamented, "I would have postponed this attack of measles." He will probably be discharged from the hospital this week-end but unfortunately will not be able to go home because, after all, rules are rules. He can go home next week-end, however.



This week the writer who usually manages to pile enough bull into the paper to fill this column, is heading for that good Ole' Mississippi Delta. Taking his place is Corporal E. Martin Meadows, late of the 167th Infantry Publicity Dept. It seems a corporal always has something to say when a private tried to do a little talking.

After all, privates are not the only thing in the army. Last week this column handled a gag about corporals and 2nd Lts., being hard to convince they were not Generals. The writer cleared himself by saying the suggestion was sent in anonymously. This corporal has doubts about that . . . and wishes to heck that particular private were here so he could tell him personally, what an underhanded crack that was. But, seeing as how this is a favor to him, it might be well to let it appear that we are friends.

It's not the intentions of the column this week to dwell on the subject of selectees, so if it does dwell on selectees you will have been told that it was definitely not intended. Anyway, an Insurance officer approached a selectee the other day on the subject of insurance. "How much would you like?" he asked. "Well, how much are the fellows taking?" was the reply. Being told it was from one to ten thousand dollars, the recruit told the officer he'd take ten thousand, and immediately wrote a check for the full year's premium. "This is a bit irregular; would you like to have it taken from your monthly pay?" said the officer. "No, sir," was the quick and nervously emphatic reply. "I don't want my \$21 touched." (It developed that the selectee was formerly a buyer for a chain department store.)

To a recruit down in Co. A, 156th, goes the tin medal for the dumbest stunt of the week. Walking up to the "CQ" for the day, the poor innocent said . . . "Say, Sarge, I understand you're in Charge of Quarters. Here's something to keep for me" . . . and handed him three twenty-five cent pieces.

This column (at least this week) suggests and advocates the installation of a delivery service from all canteens in the Division, to the tents on the company streets. This would be an invaluable service to privates with tired feet, after a wearisome day on the field. (Corporals could be included without much ado.)

Here's a new method for the encyclopedia of business enterprises, advanced by a private down in the 116th Field Artillery: He charges tent mates twenty-five cents, a fourth part of a dollar, per month for listening to his radio. More power to you, soldier!

Regimental Headquarters at 167th is in deep wonderment at just who declared war for one of its companies. The other day this certain company reported 11 men "missing in action," in its morning report. (Somebody's in the wrong column there now!)

Listen soldiers, here's an inside tip. The parking meters in Starke were not a crack at soldiers. It seems that the business men there were up a tree for parking space due to an influx of civilians, not soldiers, and had to do something in defense of their own space so they could park through the day. But, it seems also that they are not working; they're being promptly taken down.

There is a curly haired staff sergeant up in 167th Infantry who will impart on request, complete details on extensive use of little pieces of wood you put into the ends of cigarettes. The story goes that Sgt. Stewart, the man in mind, was the victim of a practical joker to the extent of lighting a loaded cigarette. So excited did he become that he decided to use the trick himself, by golly! If anyone could scare the wits out of one so even nerved as himself, others would be too. Well, the next cigarette he took from his pack was the one he'd fixed for some unfortunate soldier.

167TH COMMENDED BY MAJ. GENERAL PERSONS

Commendations from Major General Persons for the work they did in demonstrating the organization, armament, and equipment of rifle and heavy weapons companies to officers of the 31st Division last Saturday were read to members of the 2nd Battalion, 167th Inf., this week. The commendation said that "the planning and execution was thorough and complete, the execution perfect in every detail. The members of the command exhibited a high degree of morale." Specially commended was Capt. S. B. Hooper, who led the demonstration.

Non-Com Calm Despite Qualms

Not all non-coms pattern themselves on the fine example of self-control and calmness in the face of adversity set by Corp. Rander J. Ruiz, Co. A, 156th Inf., in his company's mess hall last Monday noon.

A recruit asked Ruiz to get some bread from the kitchen. Ruiz obliged . . . "Sure, I'll get it."

Getting his bread, Corp. Ruiz was returning when another recruit carrying a plate of gravy, bumped into him, spilling the gravy over the non-com's newly-pressed shirt.

Ruiz, keeping his temper in check, was apologetic . . . "My fault entirely . . . Forget it . . . It won't cost me much to get it cleaned."

But the crowning effrontery to the good Corporal's dignity came when another recruit, at the other end of the hall, called him aside to whisper . . . "Say, Corporal, you've got some gravy on your shirt."

Ruiz muttered between clenched teeth . . . "Thanks. I'll go and change clothes right away."

As One Pig To Another, It's a Oink 'a Trouble, The Army

Division Headquarters Company has a new mascot. That is, if he can be completely tamed.

Already he follows along at the end of a rope behind his owner, Sergeant Perry Cox, and gives little squeals of delight at his approach, but he must be completely tamed. You know how young pigs are.

He was inducted the night of the Mardi Gras parade. Unobtrusively watching the antics from a post in front of Division Headquarters he was spotted by Lt. Colonel Wise. "Catch him, Catch him!" shouted the Colonel. So Sgt. Cox caught him.

Sgt. Cox says "Porky" should be just about right by maneuvers. By this he means completely tamed it is supposed.

GENERAL PERSONS ON LEAVE

Major General John C. Persons, Commander of the 31st (Dixie) Division, was on leave of absence this week beginning Wednesday, March 5, and for two days. General Persons drove to Birmingham, Alabama, his home town, during the two days. Brig. General Louis F. Guerre, 61st Inf., Brig. took command of the division in the absence of Gen. Persons.

Married Non-Coms Draw More Pay

Pursuant to an Executive Order signed recently by the President, enlisted men of the first three grades with dependents, and not assigned adequate quarters at their present stations, will be entitled to a rental allowance of 75 cents per day.

Under the old regulations, the case of each such enlisted man assigned to duty with no adequate quarters were available was decided on its merits by Corps Area Commanders. The new ruling authorizes this payment to all enlisted men entitled to a rental allowance without reference to higher authority by local commanders.

Commanding generals of all field armies, corps areas and departments, and the commanding officers of other organizations and exempted stations in the United States, have been directed to initiate proper steps to permit enlisted men concerned to take advantage of the new ruling.

Enlisted men of the first three grades are: First Grade—Master Sergeants; Second Grade—First Sergeants and Technical Sergeants; and Third Grade—Staff Sergeants.

116th Field Artillery

With a record of three wins, two of them by shutouts, and no losses, the soft-ball team of the Anti-Tank Co., is looking for another victim. So far, the boys have beaten Battery A and Second Bat., Headquarters of the 14th F. A., without allowing any scores and Co. E of the 156th by a score of 8-7. Sgt. James Markham, wants to book further games for Sunday afternoons.

Pvt. Scurley Lancon of Company B, was married to Miss Mary Jackie Litkavich of Jacksonville this week.

Private Alpha of Company B, has learned not to fire rifles around Florida bovines. One day last week a frightened cow chased he private for about a mile before he could find shelter.

Training recruits in Company B, are Sgts. Ogden Stansbury, acting first sergeant of the new group, Giroir, Kreider, Simmons, Gautreaux, and Davis and Corps. Chauvin, Spinella, Joseph, and Domino. Lt. Frank J. Husband is company commander of the recruit group.

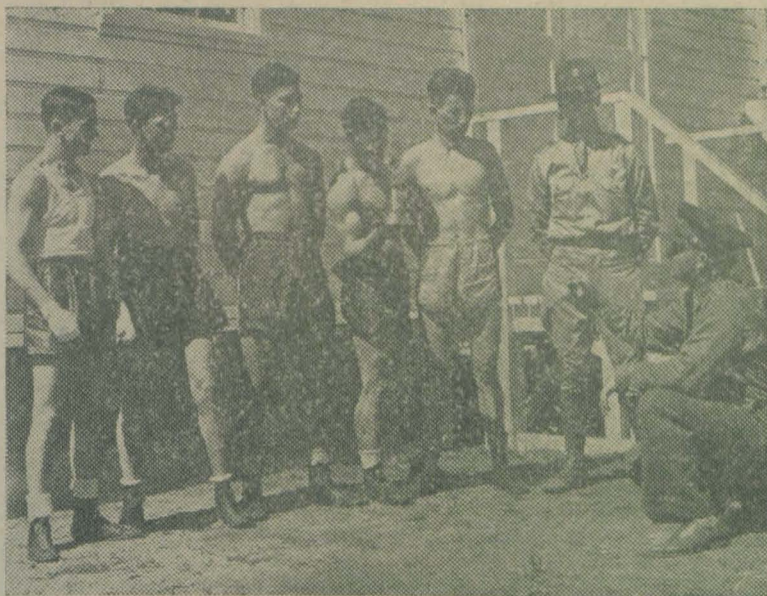
Second Lt. Paul DiMaggio, still attending the Infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., was a Sunday visitor to Co. B. It will be some time before he returns to take up his position with the Company.

Challenging Battery B, 114th F. A., and Co. E, 156th Inf., in the matter of brother teams is Co. B, which is almost a family affair. They have 11 sets of brothers plus one father-and-son unit. In the outfit are the brothers Stansbury, Acsermont, Logan, Kreider, Michel, Ghirardix, Babin, Fromenthal, Spinella, and Gagneaux. The father-son team is composed of Father Agne Delaune and Son Wybra Delaune.

Pvt. Gerald Sexton of Co. A, was granted a furlough last week to visit his mother who is ill back home in Gross Tete, La.

Fresh from a victory over the Green Cove Independents, one of the champion basketball teams of Florida last week, the Co. A, five will take on Co. H, of Lafayette, La., this week-end. The Co. A team, which has been undefeated

Dixie Soldiers Grab Honors



This group of Golden Glove contestants are from 156th Infantry and 106th Engineers. The trophy was won by Harold Bergeron, (holding it). This comes from the 135 pound class. These boys were said to have been the "cleanest fighters in the southeastern matches."

in five games, is composed of Pvt. Vivian Lard, forward; Corp. Wilson Gilmore, center; Corp. Alvin Roy and Pvt. 1st Class Peter Romano., guards. Chief urger-on of the team is Head Cook Amile Thibodaux, who travels with the group and threatens not to cook breakfast for the boys unless they win.

Petey The Pugilist To Assist In Playing

Tell us we Blanding soldiers aren't getting up in the world. Now we have a former world's featherweight champion for an assistant recreational director down at the 167th Inf., Regiment. Yes sir, Petey Sarron, who enlisted in the army, last November, has accepted the position this week.

Lt. James E. Forman, the head recreational officer of the outfit, couldn't get over the fact that he had a world's champ under him . . . "I just can't get used to seeing a Petey working with me," he said. "Of course, he's only an enlisted man yet, but, gosh, he's still world champion . . . and that means a lot to me."

And the boys under the former boxing king . . . well, since the appointment went through, the number of men out for athletics in the regiment has made a sharp jump. "I guess we'll have more men out for athletic recreation than any other regiment in the camp," Lt. Forman said "Petey'll be a great help to me."

106th Quartermaster

Transferees from the Medical Detachment of the 106th Quartermasters are Pvts. W. T. McGuire, Jr., and Charles H. Douglas, to Headquarters of Special Troops; John McNeill to the motion picture service; and Stewart Jagers to the hospital for a month's training.

Breaking a precedent in the Medical Detachment was Private William Fowler, who, upon going home, was the first man of his outfit to become married, but it seems that he won't be alone for others in the unit are now talking of doing the same thing.

Due to the issuance of many articles of athletic equipment, interest in sports has been on the

TELL FOLKS AND SWEET- HEARTS TO ADDRESS MAIL CORRECTLY

Soldiers are urged to make clear to their correspondents, their correct Army address so that mail will not be lost and to make handling easier on the postal clerks. There will soon be four additional Army Post Offices at Camp Blanding and unless your letter states which postoffice your mail goes to you may not get it. And besides, a correct, complete address on every letter would certainly go a long way toward keeping the mail clerks out of a dizzy whirl, and they're getting altogether too much mail which is improperly addressed right now. So, Selectees, and all soldiers, do your part and tell the folks back home how to write you and everybody will be all the happier. The 31st Division Post Office is number 31.

increase in this regiment. Equipment issued included boxing gloves, volley balls and nets, softballs, softball bats, horseshoes and footballs.

Five games played and five games won . . . that's the record of the "Delta Devils," Regimental Headquarters Battery's softball team. Going down in defeat before this team have been Battery D; Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion; Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion; a combination from Service and Ammunition Batteries; and Anti-Tank, 1st Battalion.

Recreation Halls Have Specific Purposes

Here are the latest rulings on the use of recreation halls, issued last week by Capt. Harvard T. Rawlinson, acting adjutant general . . .

"The building will be used by enlisted personnel, athletic and morale officers, and Chaplains only. The building will not be used to supplement any rainy day schedules or for class-room, work, exclusive of courtmartial proceedings. This doesn't refer to band practice held during hours of work.

"All recreational facilities, reading and writing materials, etc., shall be available at all times

124th Selectees Find Regiment Ready

The 124th Infantry, under command of Colonel Fred A. Safay, received 570 of its eventual 1,292 selectees the first three days of this week and this Florida regiment is expected to reach its full war time strength of 2,660 enlisted men in a few more days.

Among the new soldiers was a 22-year-old Orlandoian who could certainly qualify in a "longest name at Camp Blanding" contest. The name is spelled with 29 letters and is Constantinos Arthur Diamantides (you pronounce it!)

Another talented man among the group of 124th selectees is Mariano A. Maramba, a Filipino. He speaks five languages; English, Spanish, and three different Philippine Island dialects. He was born at Dagupan, Pangasinana, Philippine Islands, and lived there for 15 years. He comes to the Army from Miami. An expert cook and waiter, he will probably become Col. Safay's special waiter at the Officers' Mess.

Which is a reminder of another interesting fact: Colonel Safay's nephew, William J. Khoury, was sent to his (Khoury's) uncle's regiment by Selective Service. Like his uncle, Khoury is from Jacksonville. He has been assigned to the Service Company of the 124th as he is an expert warehouse clerk. Khoury is now working under two uncles, it seems; "Uncle Fred" and "Uncle Sam."

Most of the new recruits are without training, as exemplified during the roll call of Tuesday's selectees. Out of the 181 only one answered "here, sir" when his name was called, and subsequent questioning revealed that he had had six months' National Guard training once.

A large majority of the 570 new personnel are Florida men from all parts of the state. The selectees come to the regiment with a high morale, and instructors in the 124th are complimenting themselves on their good fortune in receiving men with such a high average intelligence as these selectees display. Officers and non-commissioned officers alike are impressed with the evident sincerity and willingness to work and learn shown by the trainees.

The entrance of the selectees finds the receiving and training machinery of the 124th well designed and running smoothly. Bents were in readiness, and cots were double-decked and prepared even to bedding (except for sheets and pillow cases) prior to arrival of the first recruits Monday. There was plenty to eat as Mess Sergeants had carefully planned ahead for the amount of food necessary.

124th Infantry

The Service Company claims supremacy on the volley ball court, having beaten all three games of a set with Company C, under the leadership of Sgt. Peter J. Menten. Games are being arranged with other companies in the next few days and the "Mullets," of the Service Co., who hail from St. Augustine, hope to find some keener competition.

except hours of worship.

"Religious ornaments which are strictly sectarian shall be displayed only when such services are required by the holdings of a certain religious group are conducted. These are to be omitted at non-sectarian services."

POU TO YOU

Our facetious city editor, in his facetious column, "Strictly Private," last week without my knowledge—announced that I would edit a column which would be an aid to misguided soldiers. Orders are orders, but before losing the confidence of friends, before suit claims are filed, I want to state that I know nothing whatsoever about giving directions; indeed, wouldn't know a straight from a crooked path even if I had it all to do over again. So don't blame me.

Dear Pou,
I am a young girl, 18 years old, and considered pretty; but for some reason, Dern it! don't have a single Pen Pal. Do you know any Pen Pals? I'm looking for Pen Pals.

(signed) Pen Pal.

Dear Pou:
I am a sergeant, married, and my wife lives at home. What I want to know is should a girl go steady with another fellow after she's married? Hit don't seem right to me.

(signed) Blue.

Well, Blue, it's a pretty ticklish sorta situation but I think if you will give the command of execution as the left foot hits the ground, that is, if it's a left columnar movement, before very long it will come natural. Just keep trying.

I am an old broken-down soldier 50, stupid, extremely ugly. I am still a buck private, even though I've been in the service 30 years . . . I have no friends in my company; everybody seems to shun me. However, there is a vacancy coming up in my company, and as there is no-one left to advance, I guess I'll get it. But when I think of the new recruits coming up, I realize that they'd have a chance of getting ahead with me out of the way. Don't you think ending it all in this case is justifiable? Of course, you'll say 'no' even tho you think 'yes.'

(signed) Old Soldier.

Yes.

Dear Pou:
I just can't get along with the "top" in our outfit. Everything I do he finds something wrong with it. Yesterday morning I heard that he needed some coal in his tent. Well, I took the box that we keep coal in in our tent and went out and filled it for him. Then I took it down to his tent. When I got there, he gave me a reaming for not coming to his tent to get his box, instead of using mine like I did. And he raked me over the coals for not bringing in two boxes instead of only one. What can I do?

Henry.

Henry, next time please try to write more legibly. I could hardly read this.

114th Field Artillery

When the Trosclair brothers, Melvin and Paulfrey, of battery F returned recently from a short visit to Biloxi, Mississippi they brought back a pet. Coming into camp at night they went immediately to bed and so did the pet. Next morning Mr. pet didn't wait for the first sergeant to blow his whistle; no, he got up

Grace Before Mess



This is a group of brand new men added to the 167th Infantry by Selective Service. They pause here for a moment for Grace before mess. They're now full-fledged members of Company A, 167th. Can't hardly tell them from old troopers, can you?

early and proceeded to have breakfast ahead of schedule too. But the only thing he could find to make his meal from was Pvt. Audrey Fest's shoe string. This didn't seem to disturb him in the least however . . . it developed that the pet was a goat.

The dance orchestra of the 114th Field Artillery played for a soldier's dance at the Army and Navy Locker Club in Jacksonville last Saturday night. This will be a regular weekly feature of the club and our band's dance orchestra will play. The band is being taught a short course in the operation of our "big guns."

Of the eight radio operators in the Regimental Hq. Btry., five can receive more than 15 words per minute. The other three are rapidly improving in speed and accuracy. Those capable of receiving more than 15 words a minute are: Capt. Myers, Lt. Conger H. Jones, Sgt. Duckett, Pvt. Kelly and Pvt. Evans.

167th Infantry

Division schools on various subjects, are taking much interest in the Anti-Tank company. Pvt. William Hale is now at Fort Holabird, in Baltimore, studying advanced mechanic work. Others now attending specialized schools of the Division are: Radio school, Sgt. Sam Bradley, Corp. Julius Parks, Pvt. Felix McClesky; bakers' school, Pvt. James C. Allen, Pvt. William P. Murat; Anti-Tank Gun school, Lt. Frank Nabors, Sgt. Hugh Jacks, Sgt. A. G. Davis, Corp. Earlie Hurst; Chemical Warfare school, Sgt. Scaers Lee, Sgt. Albert Hethcox; School of the bugle, Pvt. Cecil Parker, Pvt. Casey Robertson; Transportation School, Sgt. R. H. Long, Corp. Lester Vincent; Bayonet school, Sgt. John Curlee; Rifle school, Corp. Cason Burt; School of map reading, Lt. John Cheriones, Corp. Billy Munroe; Hand grenade school, Sgt. Arthur Jones. Company Commander, Captain Hardegree is commending in his comment on the work being done by these students.

A large number of men from company B spent last week-end in Alabama. Corporals Richard K. Martin and Earle R. Richardson have completed their courses in the chemical warfare school and are now acting instructors for the other men of this unit in that phase of warfare. Of particular interest to the members of company B, from Greensboro, Alabama, was a recent news ar-

ticle referring to Corp. Amos Teske of the famed 167th Infantry during the World War. Corp. Tesk according to this article, was in the patrol on March 4th, 1917, which captured the first prisoners of war taken by the United States forces.

Among the selectees who were assigned to this company this week were two men from the home town of the company, Pvt. Ross Drake and Pvt. Charles Seales. They were happy to be assigned to the company.

In Company L the most outstanding difficulty of recent date has been finding enough privates to put on guard duty and fatigue details. Most all sergeants were put to work on these duties last week. Perhaps our additional privates, which bring us to war strength will help to remedy this.

The Medical Detachment is happy to have 1st. Lt. Wm. O. McNellie, a newcomer from Pittsburgh.

Sgt. R. H. King of Company M has brought Mrs. King to Neptune Beach to live. This company took the flag for best company last week. Motorized equipment has been issued Co. M in large numbers.

Since the athletic equipment has been issued much interest has been shown in several sports, in Company H. A challenge to any unit in the regiment is made by this company in volley ball.

Pvt. F. M. Gerrard of Company F advises: don't try slipping up on your girl back home! He says it makes you feel pretty awful to find she has just moved away. Several men of this company are taking advantage of leaves of absence to spend a few days at home in Alabama.

Company K entered several men in the Golden Gloves boxing tournament recently slated in Jacksonville. All of the men are under the managership of former Featherweight Champion of the World, Petey Sarron.

Men now attending radio school from Headquarters are: Sgt. James Marley, Sgt. Schofield and Pvt. 1st class William H. Moore. Three men from the unit, Sgt. Robert Page, Pvt. 1st class Jack Cohen, and Pvt. 1st class Richard White, are attending schools at Fort Benning, Ga.

Upon the arrival of the troops from the northeast, Camp Blanding will have an approximate population of 30,000 soldiers. In due time the Camp will have facilities such as laundries, etc.

Training To

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This applies particularly to "Selectees" who will complete their eight weeks training about April 21, 1941.

Training will follow generally two types: progressive combined training and additional unit training. The basic unit of combined training is the regimental combat team. This will be composed of the Infantry Regiment with an assigned battalion of light field artillery to support it. The Brigade combat team will be composed of an Infantry brigade and the regiment of light field artillery, assigned to support it. The regimental combat teams are organized, tentatively as follows: 155th Infantry and 1st Bn. 115th Field Artillery; 156th Infantry and 2nd Bn. 116th Field Artillery; 124th Infantry and 1st Bn. 117th Field Artillery; 167th Infantry and 2nd Bn. 117th Field Artillery.

The program will include day and night tactics, of all units; field maneuvers will be conducted with one combat team against another, first with the regimental teams and then brigade teams. Later, in the field maneuvers for the division combat unit, divisions will combat each other in tactical maneuvers.

At the end of the selectee training, parent units will assimilate these men into their organizations. Included in the period of combined training are two division reviews, one to be held during the week of March 12, or somewhere near that date. The other will be held at the close of the training period late in June. Also, shortly after March 29, the Fourth Corps Army will conduct a tactical training inspection of the 31st Division, with attention directed to all details of the training schedule up to that date.

Howitzers Howl As Trumpets Are Muted

The 155 m. m. Howitzers were substituted for clarinets, drums, and fifes by the 114th Field Artillery bandmen from Mississippi as they discovered just what it was that brother units did after being awakened by their music so early in the morning.

Instruction was given them in how to load, operate the complicated panoramic sight and even how to shoot over hills at an enemy. They reported it "interesting and instructive" and expressed a desire for real ammunition.

Battery D of Columbus, Miss., furnished the instructors. They were: Sergeants William S. Ford, John A. Reichle and Corporals Fred B. Seay, Joe H. McNees, Jr., William L. Sims, Jr., and Wilson K. Wright.

CAMP LAUNDRY WILL CLEAN 'EM CHEAP

Camp Blanding soldiers will get reductions in laundry rates sometime during April when the Camp laundry goes into operation, according to a statement issued this week, by the Camp Quartermaster.

Quite a few positions are still open for former laundrymen in the establishment according to the statement. Anyone wishing to get into this sort of work must see Mr. West or Mr. Nygaard at Warehouse 11.

This Sergeant Sets Record In I. Q. Test

Master Sergeant Cyrus D. Barter, of the 116th Field Artillery, scored 157 points out of a possible 161 on the Army Intelligence "I. Q." test recently given to all enlisted personnel of this Tampa, Florida, regiment. This is an almost unheard of high score and places Master Sergeant Barter in group I ("very superior") classification.

Master Sergeant Barter, 40 years of age, has 22 years service in the regular Army and was attached to the 116th at induction to assist in regimental administration, which, by the way, is one of the best in the 31st Division. He served with the 116th in the World War and his home is in Tampa.

Barter is an "Al Jolson" tenor and sings from memory "The Dixie Division Song" (to the tune of "Dixie") so popular in 1917-18 but almost forgotten now. The 116th feels complimented in having Barter in its administration headquarters.

Swinging Latin Way, Their Stuff

The 116th Field Artillery, commanded by Colonel Homer W. Hesterly of Tampa, has one of the finest bands in the Dixie Division and has the only "Latin Music" orchestra in Camp Blanding.

Directed by Staff Sergeant Walter Bean, who, like all of this regiment comes from Tampa, the rhumba-conga-tango-pasodobles orchestra gives well attended concerts in the 116th recreation hall every Monday night from 7:00 o'clock to 8:00 o'clock. Men from all regiments are welcomed. The Latin orchestra includes castinets and marocas, played by Pvt. Jerry Guterrez, cleaves played by Sgt. Parke Stewart, and tymbalis played by Pvt. Michell Trotta.

The 10-piece orchestra not only plays the Latin tunes and rhythms, but has dozens of fine arrangements on modern American popular songs. Bean says "Frenesi" is the orchestra's most encored song. The most popular Latin rhythm is the conga.

Blanding Booms, Starke Swoons

The transformation of the serene village of Starke, Fla., into a boomtown whose proportions still amaze its natives, is the subject of a cleverly written article appearing in the Saturday Evening Post which goes on sale in all of Camp Blanding's Post Exchanges March 15.

Written by Reporter Lowell Clucas of the Jacksonville Journal, the article aptly describes with words and pictures Blanding's bigness and Starke's "bulging at the seams."

106th Engineers

Lt. Harry T. Morehead of Company F went this week to Fort Belvoir, Virginia where he will attend an officers school.

A group of musicians have been "discovered" in this regiment. They play stringed instruments; a group consisting of Sgt. Harvey and Privates Thomas Loop, Charlie Braxton of Co. F, and Pvt. Bass of the Medical Detachment, will play for the officers dance.